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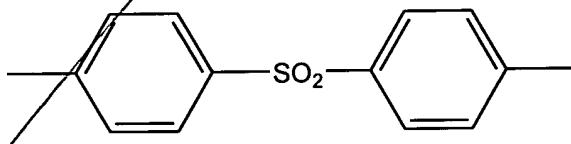
fee. Please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 6 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 2, ¹¹ and 30 as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims is attached.

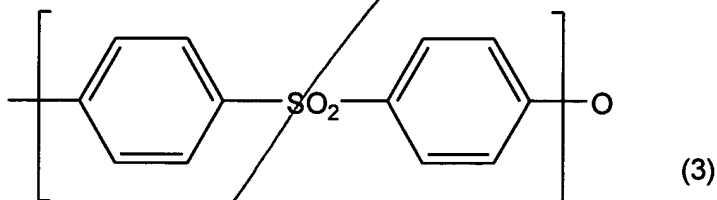
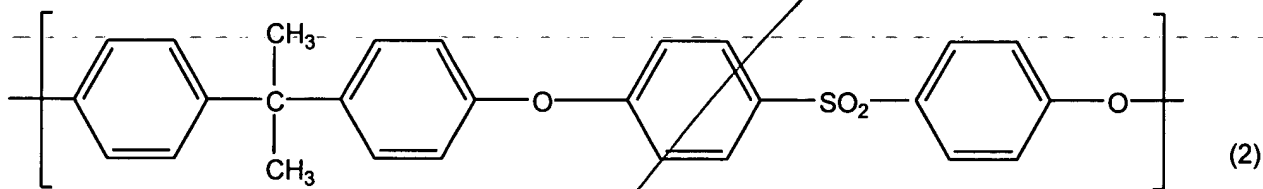
1. (Amended) An endless belt for electrophotography which is obtainable continuously by melt extrusion from a circular die; the endless belt comprising a layer containing a thermoplastic resin having a diphenyl sulfone structure represented by the following Formula (1)



(1)

the endless belt having a thickness not larger than 1/3 of the slit-width of the circular die used and having an external diameter of more than 100% but less than or equal to 400% of the external diameter of the die slit of the circular die used.

2. (Amended) An endless belt according to claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic resin having a diphenyl sulfone structure is a thermoplastic resin having a structural unit represented by the following Formula (2) or (3)



10. (Amended) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has a maximum value of a surface-direction resistance that is not greater than 100 times a minimum value of said surface-direction resistance.

11. (Amended) An endless belt according to claim 1, which has a maximum value of a thickness-direction resistance that is not greater than 100 times a minimum value of said thickness-direction resistance.

30. (Amended) An image forming apparatus for electrophotography comprising;

an endless belt which is obtainable continuously by melt extrusion from a circular die;

said endless belt comprising a layer containing a thermoplastic resin having a diphenyl sulfone structure represented by the following Formula (1)